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Related Applications

This is a continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 09/133,136 filed on August 12, 1998 by Albert K. Chin, which is a continuation-in-part of pending application Serial No. 08/907,691 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA WITH DISSECTION PROBE AND METHOD" filed on August 8, 1997 by Albert K. Chin, which is a file-wrapper continuation of application Serial No. 08/593,533 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA AND METHOD" filed on January 24, 1996 by Albert K. Chin, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part application of pending Serial No. 08/502,494 entitled "TISSUE SEPARATION CANNULA AND METHOD" filed on July 13, 1995, by Albert K. Chin, which is a continuation-in-part application of application Serial Number 08/421,481 entitled "CANNULA ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR PROGRESSIVELY DISSECTING TISSUE" filed on April 12, 1995 by Albert K. Chin now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,591,183.—

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 in amended form as follows:

1. A tissue dissector comprising:
 - an elongated cannula, having a proximal end and a distal end;
 - a tip having tapered outer walls and being disposed on the distal end of the cannula for inserting into tissue; and
 - a solid dilating element disposed on the cannula at a location thereon intermediate the distal and proximal ends thereof and having an